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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PRESS STATEMENT ON US PROTEST OVER
SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS

1. AT FSFA PRESS BRIEFING AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 15,
SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ABOUT REPORTS
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PROTESTED SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS
TRANSPORTING SUPPLIES TO ANGOLA:

2. "REGARDING ALLEGED OVERFLIGHTS THROUGH YUGOSLAV
AIRSPACE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS TO ANGOLA,
THE POINT IN QUESTION IS A NOTE, NOT A DEMARCHE. THE
NOTE WAS DELIVERED IN THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT BY THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. IN OUR REPLY WE REJECTED THE
ALLEGATION AS INCORRECT. NO SPECIAL OVERFLIGHTS HAVE
BEEN CONDUCTED."

3. DURING A SUBSEQUENT QUESTION PERIOD THE SPOKESMAN
SAID THAT AN EXISTING AGREEMENT PERMITS A CERTAIN NUMBER
OF OVERFLIGHTS WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION.

4. WHILE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PRESS BRIEFING WERE
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REPORTED IN THE BELGRADE PRESS JANUARY 16, THE FSFA

REACTION TO THE US PROTEST WAS NOT MENTIONED. AREUTERS
STORY ABOUT THE PROTEST WAS INCLUDED IN THE LIMITED
CIRCULATION SUMMARY OF THE FOREIGN PRESS "RED TANJUG"
ON JANUARY 11, BUT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE PROTEST HAS NOT
BEEN MENTIONED IN THE YUGOSLAV PRESS AT ALL.
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